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**SPEAKER: Senator Duis.**

**SENATOR DUIS:** I'll comment on the rules now and also Senator Lewis, believe me, everyone of us has been a freshman at some time or another. We've gone through what you're going through, only we went through it probably a little bit more severely than you go through it now because when I came in here, you didn't get away with anything, you really got clipped. You don't even know what it's like to get set down. You should have been here 20 years ago when they were rough on you. In regard to the rule, if there is anyone who desires and I make this point and I want to make it right now, you've got until noon now, if you want to change this rule on the A bills, please somebody get a rule change up there so we can act on it in committee because I will call a committee meeting if there's a rule change up there to change the A bill rule. I'll call a committee meeting tomorrow sometime, but if there isn't, I'm not going to call a meeting of the Rules Committee.

**SPEAKER: Senator Cavanaugh.**

**SENATOR CAVANAUGH:** Senator Duis, this gets back to my original question on this whole thing. Is the motion that we operate under a rule?

**SENATOR DUIS:** The motion that you're operating under not to take up any bills of fiscal impact, is not a rule.

**SENATOR CAVANAUGH:** Well then, why do we need a rule to change a rule that isn't a rule?

**SENATOR DUIS:** Well, mainly, Senator Cavanaugh, because you were interrogating me relative--

**SPEAKER:** The chair would rule right now that--and I think this is fine. This is a discussion between Senators Cavanaugh and Duis and--you get together post haste and we go on to other business because--

**SENATOR CAVANAUGH:** Well, Senator Proud, could--

**SPEAKER:** Yes--

**SENATOR CAVANAUGH:** --this is a matter that affects the whole body because--

**SENATOR DUIS:** --I think so too--

**SENATOR CAVANAUGH:** --all I'm trying to determine, Senator Duis is, in what, in your opinion, what is needed, what is the proper procedure to alter this motion that we're now operating under? You're saying now that it should come from the Rules Committee, is that correct?

**SENATOR DUIS:** No, no, I didn't say that, Senator Cavanaugh, you're putting words in my mouth again, no--

**SENATOR CAVANAUGH:** --I'm sorry, if I am--I'm trying to understand--

**SENATOR DUIS:** --what, what, what I'm saying is exactly what I said before. In order to change what we're operating under now, that no bill will be taken up on final reading that has a fiscal impact, is merely a motion in this Legislature carried by 25 votes to rescind what we did. What I have been trying to tell you during this exchange is that under that motion and under the rule at the present time, in order to take up an A bill on final reading because of this rule, you'd have to suspend the rules not to take up the A bill because this rule calls that

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